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PATENT

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WITH A GAS DIFFERENT FROM AIR

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Before beginning prosecution on the merits, please amend the claims as set out below:

In the Claims:

Claims showing changes:

- (amended) Method for assembling insulating glass panes that are filled with a gas different from air, by
- arranging a first glass sheet [(24)] and a second glass sheet [(25)], provided with a spacer [(27)], in a vertical or inclined position so that they are positioned one opposite to the other, without the first glass sheet [(24)] being in contact with the spacer [(27)],
- forming a chamber that encloses the space between the glass sheets [(24, 25)], by providing a belt [(40a)] at the lower edge of the glass sheet arrangement and at least one seal [(52, 54)] beside each of the upright edges of the glass sheet arrangement, which seal extends from a point above the belt [(40a)] down to the belt [(40a)],

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